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TRIBUTE TO THE LATE THOMAS F. QUINLAN, SR.

HON. JOHN SHADEGG

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 1996*

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I announce the death of a courageous American who fought for more than four decades on behalf of the principle that no worker should be forced to pay union dues as a condition of employment.

Thomas F. Quinlan, Sr., father, husband, teacher, small businessman, and public servant, died February 11 at his home in Wheaton, IL, where he moved after retiring to be near two of his six children.

As a history teacher in New Milford, CT, for 24 years and owner of a small lakeside resort for 20 years, Tom Quinlan appreciated the importance of right to work for both workers and small businessmen.

Mr. Quinlan also served three terms in the Connecticut general assembly, from 1954 to 1960. During those years, he worked tirelessly for enactment of a Connecticut right to work law, but was frustrated by the State's powerful union political machine, fed by the forced dues of the very workers whose rights Mr. Quinlan was working to protect.

But he never gave up.

After leaving electoral politics, Mr. Quinlan carried on his efforts, to bring the benefits of voluntary unionism to Connecticut's workers by helping to found, and serving as president of, the Connecticut Right to Work Educational Committee.

Tom Quinlan was also a leader in the fight against compulsory unionism on the national level, serving as a board member of the National Right to Work Committee, which has led the fight for worker freedom across the country for over 40 years, from 1965 until his recent passing.

As a member of the committee's board, Mr. Quinlan helped guide the right to work movement through its successful battles against big labor's attempt to repeal section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act in the mid-sixties, the phony labor law "reform" bill of the seventies, and the so-called anti-striker replacement bill in the nineties.

His last service to the cause of freedom was helping to launch the campaign to pass the National Right to Work Act (S. 581/H.R. 1279), which will soon be voted on in the Senate.

That Congress is even considering repeal of those sections of Federal labor law that authorize forced-dues contracts is in no small measure due to Mr. Quinlan's work.

Remembering his departed colleague, National Right to Work Committee president Reed Larson recalled his optimism, "No matter how many temporary setbacks right to work forces suffered, Tom Quinlan remained confident that our cause was just and would prevail in the end."

I stand before this body to pay tribute to Tom Quinlan's achievements and to offer my condolences to his family and friends.

All Americans owe a debt of gratitude to this former history teacher and small business-

man's tireless efforts on behalf of right to work, and those of us who remain active in this fight should share Tom Quinlan's firm belief in the eventual triumph of the right to work cause.

RECOGNIZING LAW DAY AT  
DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 1996*

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, on May 1, we will commemorate Law Day throughout America. The theme of "liberty under law" is as old as our Republic, and is central to understanding who we are as a people. Freedom without just legal restraint becomes license; not moderated by respect for human rights is merely authoritarian.

At Diablo Valley College in my home district in California, Law Day will be celebrated under the theme of "We the People: The United States Constitution—the Original American Dream." A ceremony will be held at the College's Performing Arts Center and citizens from around the Contra Costa region will enjoy a presentation of what our Constitution, our laws, and our institutions mean to us all.

I am pleased to recognize Diablo Valley College for its commitment to the legal framework of our society, and most especially the College's reaffirmation of the value of our Constitution. The American Dream—a dream of "freedom and justice for all"—is alive and well, and Diablo Valley College deserves recognition for its role in honoring some of the best of our traditions.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
RON BROWN FOR DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE TO U.S. CITIZENS

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 1996*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Secretary Ron Brown, an American who distinguished himself as a leader in the Democratic Party and an outspoken supporter of free trade while serving as Commerce Secretary.

During his youth, Mr. Brown excelled in school. His success led him to Middlebury College in Vermont, which he attended on a ROTC scholarship. After graduating in 1962, Mr. Brown entered the Army and rose to the rank of captain.

Throughout his life he held many important positions in both the private and public sectors. Secretary Brown ably assisted Senator KENNEDY on his staff and with the Judiciary Committee. In addition, he was a highly sought lobbyist with Patton, Boggs & Blow.

Mr. Brown impressively unified the Jesse Jackson and Michael Dukakis supporters at the 1988 Democratic National Convention. His efforts propelled him to chairman of the Democratic National Committee, where he ably served for 4 years, culminating in Bill Clinton's 1992 election. Ron Brown deservedly received much of the credit for his work with the Clinton campaign.

Over the past 3 years, Mr. Brown had directed his efforts toward improving trade and commerce for the United States. He served as a proud emissary for American interests.

Mr. Brown was a talented and tireless adversary on the campaign trail as well as a distinguished member of the Clinton administration serving on behalf of the American people. I offer my condolences to the family and friends of Secretary Ron Brown.

IN RECOGNITION OF OPPORTUNITY  
INC.

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 1996*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize Opportunity, Inc., an outstanding organization located in Highland Park, IL.

Opportunity, Inc. is a unique, not-for-profit contract manufacturer that employs 150 persons, 80 percent of whom have developmental, physical and/or emotional disabilities. Founded by local construction executive John Cornell in 1976, who still serves on the board of directors, the company will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on May 7, 1996 at a benefit dinner to be held at the Hotel Nikko in Chicago, IL.

The company's mission is twofold: First, to provide a mainstream plant environment in which handicapable persons can work and earn a paycheck along with the dignity that comes from being employed productively on a full-time basis; and second, to provide its private sector customers with the best possible quality, price, and service.

In this age of fiscal restraint, Opportunity, Inc. stands as an outstanding example of how to accomplish an important social mission without using any Government subsidies. The key to the company's success is its determination to compete for business strictly on the basis of quality, price, and service.

Mr. Speaker, Opportunity, Inc. has demonstrated how competitive and productive handicapable employees can be. Opportunity, Inc. built and continues to operate the only not-for-profit, certified class "clean room" for medical and surgical packaging in the country. So stringent is Opportunity's commitment to quality that it has not had a lot rejected by its major medical/surgical customer—Baxter International—for more than 6 years.

Most important of all, however, is the pride of workmanship that you sense when you visit Opportunity, Inc. During a recent visit, I experienced firsthand how dedicated and competitive these employees are about their work. One man in his thirties said it best of all: "Congressman, all we need is a fair chance to compete. That's what we get here at Opportunity and just look at the results."

I am pleased to send congratulations to the employees, management and directors of Opportunity, Inc. on the occasion of this remarkable company's 20th anniversary, along with best wishes for their continued success into the next century. I also commend Opportunity, Inc. as a worthy example to my colleagues, who believe, as I do, that we must look to the private sector and to the local level for alternative solutions to difficult social problems